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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for an ongoing review of the Iowa Code by
- 2 standing committees of the general assembly.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 2.15, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
2 2016, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. (1) Undertaking in-depth studies of governmental matters
4 within their assigned jurisdiction, not only for the purpose of
5 evaluating proposed legislation, but also for studying existing
6 laws and governmental operations and functions to determine
7 their usefulness and effectiveness, as provided in section
8 2.14.

9 (2) (a) As part of the duties identified in paragraph "a",
10 standing committees shall conduct a periodic review of chapters
11 of the Code corresponding to their assigned jurisdiction, and
12 make recommendations for additions to, deletions from, or
13 modifications of those provisions. The objective of the review
14 shall be to recommend to the general assembly the amendment and
15 reenactment of provisions of the Code in order to affirm and
16 revise current law by reflecting current practices, inserting
17 earlier omissions, deleting redundancies and inaccuracies,
18 deleting temporary language, resolving inconsistencies
19 and conflicts, updating ongoing provisions, and removing
20 ambiguities.

21 (b) The reviews shall be conducted pursuant to a schedule
22 determined by the legislative council, with the assistance of
23 the Code editor, such that approximately one-twelfth of the
24 Code shall undergo a review in any one year, and the entire
25 Code shall have undergone a review at the conclusion of a
26 twelve-year period. The reviews shall be conducted on an
27 ongoing and rotating basis. The chairperson of each standing
28 committee shall submit recommendations at the conclusion of
29 that committee's review to the legislative services agency
30 for the drafting of proposed legislation to amend and reenact
31 portions of the Code.

32 (c) Standing committees may meet for purposes of the review
33 throughout the legislative session and during the legislative
34 interim if authorized by the legislative council. Standing
35 committees of the two houses with similar jurisdictions may

1 conduct joint committee meetings. The legislative services
2 agency shall provide staff assistance as authorized by the
3 legislative council.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill requires the standing committees of the Iowa
8 general assembly to conduct a periodic review of Iowa Code
9 chapters corresponding to their assigned jurisdiction, and make
10 recommendations for additions, deletions, or modifications.
11 The bill provides that the objective of the review shall be to
12 recommend to the general assembly the amendment and reenactment
13 of provisions of the Code in order to affirm and revise
14 current law by reflecting current practices, inserting earlier
15 omissions, deleting redundancies and inaccuracies, deleting
16 temporary language, resolving inconsistencies and conflicts,
17 updating ongoing provisions, and removing ambiguities.

18 The bill provides that the legislative council shall
19 determine an ongoing review schedule, with the assistance of
20 the Iowa Code editor, such that approximately one-twelfth of
21 the Code shall undergo a review in any one year, and the entire
22 Code shall have undergone a review at the conclusion of a
23 12-year period. The chairperson of each standing committee
24 is directed to submit recommendations at the conclusion of
25 that committee's review to the legislative services agency for
26 drafting of proposed legislation.

27 Procedurally, the bill provides that standing committees
28 may meet for purposes of the review throughout the legislative
29 session and during the legislative interim if authorized by
30 the legislative council, may conduct joint standing committee
31 meetings, and may be provided staffing assistance by the
32 legislative services agency as authorized by the legislative
33 council.